Bozeman IT Council Notes

Thursday, August 18, 2016
President's Conference Room

Call to Order, Announcements, Approval of Minutes from Prior Meeting

June Minutes Approved unanimously (there was no July meeting)

Communications Check-In

- See slide for all recent communications and upcoming communications.
- If you need a patch for McAfee due to W10 Anniversary update let Pat Widhalm know.
- Does the IT Council want to know about printed communications? Or only mass email communications? (only email).
  - New ITC maps are available with info on IT Services. If you would like some they are available in Josh's office. Will chat with MSU Debut people about having them at their Ask Us tents.

Updates

IT Service Expo

- September 14th, 11-3, Leigh Lounge
- www.montana.edu/itcenter/expo for more information

MatLab/Mathematica

- Software rolled out and can be downloaded by all faculty, staff and students on university owned and personally owned devices on/off campus.
- Also in all ITC student computer labs.
- ITC supports installation only, provide links to vendor and Lynda.com training on info site.
- User creates account using montana.edu address. Activation key is on info page.
  http://www.montana.edu/itcenter/purchase/matlab/index.html

  http://www.montana.edu/itcenter/purchase/mathematica/index.html

WiFi Deployment

- Coverage has been added to Fieldhouse areas including athletics locker rooms and other back-of-house areas and arena floor in Brick Breeden. The fitness center now has Wi-Fi installed in the gym areas and additional initial coverage in Shroyer and North and South gyms. Additional work includes WWAMI and Reid Hall, as well as enhanced redundancy.

D2L

- eCat team discussed increase in enrollment and Brightspace usage with vendor, so they can anticipate issues.
- The announcement that came out regarding Brightspace changes is for terminology changes in the LMS, most users probably will not notice. The changes are fairly intuitive.

Classroom technology updates

- Many new space sand updates to classroom and conference room technology including Wilson, WWAMI spaces, PCR, TEAL upgrades.

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- Please note, orders on furniture is backed up ~6 months. A lot of technology upgrades or classroom updates cannot be made due to some issues with furniture.

Discussions

O365 Student email

- All students are encouraged to use their O365 email for university communications and have been provisioned automatically with O365 mailboxes.
- Student email in O365: first.last#@student.montana.edu
- Google apps and email will be supported over the next academic year. All students will be provisioned this year with Google apps and google mail. Team is determining the point in time Google apps and email will cease to be used on campus.

- Communications
  - Targeted to different audiences (general to faculty and staff, existing students, new students and GApps users). Student messages will go out August 22, 2016
  - Faculty messages encourage them to have students use O365 and provide information on help with transitioning from GApps use in the classroom to O365.
- Questions on O365
  - How are audiences identified? Using AD based on current status.
  - Will there be training on the use of O365 tools (such as setting up groups?)
  - Will students keep O365 account when they leave?
    - They will retain an alumni account but it will be limited. The project team is outlining alumni email features and will provide more information later.

Action Items

- Please send names to Rod if there are issues with provisioning emails (i.e. student email provisioned to faculty members).

Previous action items:

- Jerry Sheehan will discuss the ability of departments to make student computer recommendations and the possible consequences of doing so with the Executive Council.
- Share technical requirements for Research storage application meeting time with group (Jerry) and the individuals currently invited to the meetings in case others need to be invited.
- Talk to users about their opinions, concerns or questions on teleconferencing (informal survey) (All)